

**COST SHARE AGREEMENT**  
**Between the**  
**USDA FOREST SERVICE, REGION 1**  
**And**  
**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION**  
**And**  
**BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, ROCKY MOUNTAIN & PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONS**  
**And**  
**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

The purpose of this agreement is to provide for a coordinated effort for Best Value Administration. Following is the cost share agreement between the agencies identified above as negotiated in accordance with the Montana Cooperative Fire Protection Agreements.

Incident Name: **NORTHERN ROCKIES BEST VALUE EQUIPMENT ADMINISTRATION**

Cost Share Period: 2011 Fire Season

Jurisdictions: USDA Forest Service; Montana Department of Natural Resources; DOI Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Bureau of Land Management.

Incident Numbers by Agency:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Accounting Code</b>
FOREST SERVICE	P1E7V7/0156
MT DNRC	701001
DOI	E7V7

Cost Share Period: 2011 Fire Season

Agency representatives participating in the development of this cost share agreement:

Forest Service –	DNRC –
Name: Tim Murphy	Name: Ted Mead
Title: NRCG Contractor Liaison	Title: Fire & Aviation Bureau Chief
 Name: Tracey Nimlos	 Name: Pam Okon
Title: Incident Business Coordinator	Title: Incident Business Coordinator
 Bureau of Indian Affairs	 Bureau of Indian Affairs
Name: Cory Winnie	Name: Robert LaPlant
Title: Fire Management Officer	Title: Fire Management Officer
 Bureau of Land Management	

Name: Joli Pavelis  
Title: Incident Business Coordinator

This cost share agreement was prepared under the following guidelines:

- 1) In accordance with the Montana Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement, 11-FI-110156000-006.
- 2) Per the Montana and Idaho Cooperative Fire Agreement billing procedures, the parties to this agreement will determine the total costs of each agency. Each agency will bill for their costs. Federal agencies do not exchange funds.

In accordance with the concurrence of the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group's Board of Directors, it is hereby agreed that cost sharing on this agreement will be based on the following percentages:

Forest Service – 35%  
Montana DNRC –25%  
Bureau of Indian Affairs –20%  
Bureau of Land Management – 20%

**Rationale for cost share:**

1. Most NRCG agencies benefited from the administration of best value agreements during the 2011 fire season. These agreements include engines, water tenders, soft tracks, skidgines, pumper cats, potable and gray water tenders/trucks. The percentages above are based on the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group Agreement for staffing of personnel supporting interagency cooperative fire management operations in the Northern Rockies Geographic Area.
2. Best Value Administration included field audits during the summer for non-budgeted time and travel of the Forest Service Fire Contracting Officer; NRCG Contractor Liaison and Forest Service Regional Equipment Inspector; temporary employee input of performance evaluations into the Virtual Incident Procurement (VIPR) and summaries of resource utilization from the Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS).

This Agreement and the apportionment described are our best judgments of fair and equitable Agency cost responsibilities.

Agency: USDA Forest Service  
Director, Fire Aviation and Air

Signature:   
Patricia L. Koppenol

Date: 2/29/12

Agency: Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation  
Fire & Aviation Bureau Chief

Signature: Ted Mead  
Ted Mead

Date: 3/29/12

Agency: DOI Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Fire Management Officer

Signature: Robert LaPlant  
Robert LaPlant

Date: 3/9/2012

Signature: Cory Winnie  
Cory Winnie

Date: 3/26/12

Agency: Bureau of Land Management  
State Fire Management Officer

Signature: Kenneth J. Schmid  
Kenneth J. Schmid

Date: 2/23/12